REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in the order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

Please note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate some of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references. In addition, Applicants request that the Examiner carefully review any references discussed below to ensure that Applicants understanding and discussion of the references, if any, is consistent with the Examiner's understanding.

In the Office Action, Figure 4 was objected to as including foreign language, and claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,933,786 to Mohandas et al. ("Mohandas"). Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 18-21. By this Amendment, claim 1 was amended to further clarify the claimed invention. Claims 1-21 remain pending in this application.

Amended Drawings

The Examiner objects to Figure 4 on the grounds that the figure includes foreign language material. Applicants submit new Figure 4 without the foreign language material. Applicant submits that the specification adequately describes Figure 4. Also enclosed is a redlined copy of Figure 4 showing the change being made.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mohandas for at least the reason that the Office Action failed to establish that Mohandas discloses each and every element of the claimed invention. For example, claim 1 recites "at least one control terminal of the circuit, by which an operating point of the amplifier is configured to be changed between at least two values at a user end by a user." For at least the reason that the Office Action failed to establish that the recited element is disclosed by

Mohondas, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable over Mohondas. Claims 2-17 are allowable at least for their dependence on an allowable independent claim. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection over Mohondas and allowance of claims 1-17.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview or Examiner's amendment will further the prosecution of this application.

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